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All its B R A N C H E S from the Ori-
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Both in C I T Y and C O U N T R Y,

According to the

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gular Proceeding in Initiating their New Members
in the whole Three Degrees of M A S O N R Y .

V I Z .

I ENTER'D PREN-² S¹ L FELLOW CRAFT.
TICE, S² III. MASTER.

To which is added,

The Author's VINDICATION of himself.

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Enter'd 'Prentice's DEGREE.

[1]

Q. F R O M whence came you?

A. From the Holy Lodge of St. John's.

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Q. What Recommendations brought you from
thence?

A. The Recommendations which I brought
from the Right Worshipful Brothers and Fellows
of the Right Worshipful and Holy Lodge of St.
John's, from whence I came, and Greet you thrice
heartily well.

[3]

Q. What do you come here to do?

A. Not to do my own proper Will,
But to subdue my Passion still,
The Rules of Masonry in hand to take,
And daily Progress therein make.

[4]

Q. Are you a Mason?

A. I am so taken and Accepted to be amongst
Brothers and Fellows.

[5]

Q. How shall I know that you are a Mason?

A. By Signs and Tokens and perfect Points of
my Entrance.

[6]

Q. What are Signs?

A. All Squares, Angles and Perpendiculars.

[7]

Q. What are Tokens?

A. Certain Regular and Brotherly Gripes.

B

Exam.

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[8] Exam. Give me the Points of your Entrance.
Resp. Give me the first, and I'll give you the second.

[9] Exam. I Hail it.
Resp. I Conceal it.

[10] Exam. What do you Conceal ?
Resp. All Secrets and Secrecy of Masons and Masonry, unless to a True and Lawful Brother after due Examination, or in a just and worshipful Lodge of Brothers and Fellows well met.

[11] Q. Where was you made a Mason ?
A. In a Just and Perfect Lodge.

[12] Q. What makes a Just and Perfect Lodge ?
A. Seven or more.

[13] Q. What do they consist on ?
A. One Master, two Wardens, two Fellow-Crafts and two Enter'd 'Prentices.

[14] Q. What makes a Lodge ?
A. Five.

[15] Q. What do they consist of ?
A. One Master, two Wardens, one Fellow-Craft, one Enter'd 'Prentice.

[16] Q. Who brought you to the Lodge ?
A. An Enter'd 'Prentice.

[17] Q. How did he bring you ?
A. Neither naked nor cloathed, bare-foot nor shod, deprived of all Metal and in a right moving Posture.

[18] Q. How got you Admittance ?
A. By three great Knocks.

[19] Q. Who receiv'd you ?

A. A

A. A Junior Warden.

[20]

Q. How did he dispose of you?

A. He carried me up to the North-East Part of the Lodge, and brought me back again to the West and deliver'd me to the Senior Warden.

[21]

Q. What did the Senior Warden do with you?

A. He presented me, and shew'd me how to walk up (by three Steps) to the Master.

[22]

Q. What did the Master do with you?

A. He made me a Mason.

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Q. How did he make you a Mason?

A. With my bare-bended Knee and Body within the Square, the Compass extended to my naked Left Breast, my naked Right Hand on the Holy Bible; there I took the Obligation (or Oath) of a Mason.

[24]

Q. Can you repeat that Obligation.

A. I'll do my Endeavour. (Which is as follows.)

I Hereby solemnly Vow and Swear in the Presence of Almighty God and this Right Worshipful Assembly, that I will Hail and Conceal, and never Reveal the Secrets or Secrecy of Masons or Masonry, that shall be Revealed unto me; unless to a True and Lawful Brother, after due Examination, or in a Just and Worshipful Lodge of Brothers and Fellows well met.

I furthermore Promise and Vow, that I will not Write them, Print them, Mark them, Carve them or Engrave them, or cause them to be Written, Printed, Marked, Carved or Engraved on Wood

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or Stone, so as the Visible Character or Impression of a Letter may appear, whereby it may be unlawfully obtain'd.

All this under no less Penalty than to have my Throat cut, my Tongue taken from the Roof of my Mouth, my Heart pluck'd from under my Left Breast, them to be buried in the Sands of the Sea, the Length of a Cable-rope from Shore, where the Tide ebbs and flows twice in 24 Hours, my Body to be burnt to Ashes, my Ashes to be scatter'd upon the Face of the Earth, so that there shall be no more Remembrance of me among Masons.

So help me God.

- [25] Q. What Form is the Lodge?
A. A long Square.
- [26] Q. How long?
A. From East to West.
- [27] Q. How broad?
A. From North to South.
- [28] Q. How high?
A. Inches, Feet and Yards innumerable, as high as the Heavens.
- [29] Q. How deep?
A. To the Centre of the Earth.
- [30] Q. Where does the Lodge stand?
A. Upon Holy Ground, or the highest Hill or lowest Vale, or in the Vale of Jezosaphat, or any other secret Place.
- [31] Q. How is it situated?
A. Due East and West.

Q. Why

[32] Q. Why so ?
 A. Because all Churches and Chappels are or
 ought to be so.

[33] Q. What supports a Lodge ?
 A. Three great Pillars.

[34] Q. What are they called ?
 A. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

[35] Q. Why so ?
 A. Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support,
 and Beauty to adorn.

[36] Q. What Covering have you to the Lodge ?
 A. A clouded Canopy of divers Colours (or
 the Clouds.)

[37] Q. Have you any Furniture in your Lodge ?
 A. Yes.

[38] Q. What is it ?
 A. Mosaick Pavement, Blazing Star and In-
 dented Tarsel.

[39] Q. What are they ?
 A. Mosaick Pavement, the Ground Floor of
 the Lodge, Blazing Star the Centre, and Indent-
 ed Tarsel the Border round about it.

[40] Q. What is the other Furniture of a Lodge ?
 A. Bible, Compas and Square.

[41] Q. Who do they properly belong to ?
 A. Bible to God, Compas to the Master, and
 Square to the Fellow-Craft.

[42] Q. Have you any Jewels in the Lodge ?
 A. Yes.

[43] Q. How many ?
 A. Six. Three Moveable, and three Immove-
 able.

Q. What

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[44] **Q.** What are the Moveable Jewels ?
 A. Square, Level and Plumb-Rule.

[45] **Q.** What are their Uses.
 A. Square to lay down True and Right Lines, Level to try all Horizontals, and the Plumb-Rule to try all Uprights.

[46] **Q.** What are the Immoveable Jewels ?
 A. Trafel Board, Rough Ashler, and Broach'd Thurnel.

[47] **Q.** What are their Uses ?
 A. Trafel Board for the Master to draw his Designs upon, Rough Ashler for the Fellow. Craft to try their Jewels upon, and the Broach'd Thurnel for the Enter'd 'Prentice to learn to work upon.

[48] **Q.** Have you any Lights in your Lodge ?
 A. Yes, Three.

[49] **Q.** What do they represent ?
 A. Sun, Moon and Master-Mason.
 N.B. *These Lights are three large Candles placed on big Candlesticks.*

[50] **Q.** Why so ?
 A. Sun to rule the Day, Moon the Night, and Master-Mason his Lodge.

[51] **Q.** Have you any fix'd Lights in your Lodge ?
 A. Yes.

[52] **Q.** How many ?
 A. Three.
 N.B. *These fix'd Lights are Three Windows, suppos'd (tbo' rainly) to be in every Room where a Lodge is held, but more properly*

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properly the four Cardinal Points according to the antique Rules of Masonry.

[53] Q. How are they situated ?
A. East, South and West.

[54] Q. What are their Uses ?
A. To light the Men to, at and from their Work.

[55] Q. Why are there no Lights in the North ?
A. Because the Sun darts no Rays from thence.

[56] Q. Where stands your Master ?
A. In the East.

[57] Q. Why so ?
A. As the Sun rises in the East and opens the Day, so the Master stands in the East [with his Right Hand upon his Left Breast being a Sign, and the Square about his Neck] to open the Lodge and to set his Men at Work.

[58] Q. Where stands your Wardens ?
A. In the West.

[59] Q. What's their Business ?
A. As the Sun sets in the West to close the Day, so the Wardens stand in the West [with their Right Hands upon their Left Breasts being a Sign, and the Level and Plumb-Rule about their Necks] to close the Lodge and dismiss the Men from Labour, paying their Wages.

[60] Q. Where stands the Senior Enter'd Prentice ?
A. In the South.

Q. What

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[61] Q. What is his Business ?
A. To hear and receive Instructions and welcome strange Brothers.

[62] Q. Where stands the Junior Enter'd 'Prentice ?
A. In the North.

[63] Q. What is his Business ?
A. To keep off all Cowans and Eves-drop. pers.

[64] Q. If a Cowan (or Listner) is catch'd, how is he to be punished ?
A. To be plac'd under the Eves of the Houses (in rainy Weather) till the Water runs in at his Shoulders and out at his Shoos.

[65] Q. What are the Secrets of a Mason ?
A. Signs, Tokens and many Words.

[66] Q. Where do you keep those Secrets ?
A. Under my Left Breast.

[67] Q. Have you any Key to those Secrets ?
A. Yes.

[68] Q. Where do you keep it ?
A. In a Bone Bone Box that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys.

[69] Q. Does it hang or does it lie ?
A. It hangs.

[70] Q. What does it hang by ?
A. A Tow-Line 9 Inches or a Span.

[71] Q. What Metal is it of ?
A. No manner of Metal at all ; but a Tongue of good Report is as good behind a Brother's Back as before his Face.

N. B.

*The Key is the Tongue, the Bone Bone Box
the Teeth, the Tow-Line the Roof of the
Mouth.*

[72] Q. How many Principles are there in Masonry ?
 A. Four.
[73] Q. What are they ?
 A. Point, Line, Superficies and Solid.
[74] Q. Explain them.
 A. Point the Centre (*round which the Master
cannot err*) Line Length without Breadth, Super-
ficies Length and Breadth, Solid comprehends the
whole.
[75] Q. How many Principle-Signs ?
 A. Four.
[76] Q. What are they ?
 A. Guttural, Pectoral, Manual and Pedestal.
[77] Q. Explain them.
 A. Guttural the Throat, Pectoral the Breast,
Manual the Hand, Pedestal the Feet.
[78] Q. What do you learn by being a Gentleman-
Mason.
 A. Secrecy, Morality and Goodfellowship.
[79] Q. What do you learn by being an Operative
Mason ?
 A. Hue, Square, Mould-stone, lay a Level and
raise a Perpendicular.
[80] Q. Have you seen your Master to-day ?
 A. Yes.

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Q. How

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[81] Q. How was he Cloathed?
A. In a Yellow Jacket and Blue Pair of Breeches.

N. B. *The Yellow Jacket is the Compasses, and the Blue Breeches the Steel Points.*

[82] Q. How long do you serve your Master?
A. From Monday Morning to Saturday Night.

[83] Q. How do you serve him?
A. With Chalk, Charcoal and Earthen Pan.

[84] Q. What do they denote?
A. Freedom, Fervency and Zeal.

[85] Ex. Give me the Enter'd 'Prentice's Sign.
Resp. Extending the Four Fingers of the Right Hand and drawing of them cross his Throat, is the Sign, and demands a Token.
N. B. *A Token is by joining the Ball of the Thumb of the Right Hand upon the first Knuckle of the Fore-finger of the Brother's Right Hand that demands a Word.*

[86] Q. Give me the Word.
A. I'll letter it with You.

[87] Exam. BOAZ. [N. B. *The Exam. says B, Resp. O, Exam. A, Resp. Z, i. e. Boaz.*] Give me another.
Resp. JACHIN. [N. B. Boaz and Jachin were two Pillars in Solomon's Porch. 1 Kings, chap. vii. ver. 21.]

[88] Q. How old are you?
A. Under Seven. [Denoting he has not pass'd Master.]

Q. What's

- [89] Q. What's the Day for ?
 A. To See in.
- [90] Q. What's the Night for ?
 A. To Hear.
- [91] Q. How blows the Wind ?
 A. Due East and West.
- [92] Q. What's a Clock ?
 A. High Twelve.

The End of the Enter'd 'Prentice's Part.

Fellow-Craft's DEGREE.

[93] Q. **A**RE you a Fellow-Craft ?
 A. I am.

[94] Q. Why was you made a Fellow-Craft ?
 A. For the sake of the Letter G.

[95] Q. What does that G denote ?
 A. Geometry, or the fifth Science.

[96] Q. Did you ever travel ?
 A. Yes, East and West.

[97] Q. Did you ever work ?
 A. Yes, in the Building of the Temple.

[98] Q. Where did you receive your Wages ?
 A. In the middle Chamber.

[99] Q. How came you to the middle Chamber ?
 A. Through the Porch.

[100] Q. When you came through the Porch, what did you see ?
 A. Two great Pillars.

[101] Q. What are they called ?
 A. J. B. i. e. *Jachin* and *Boaz*.

[102] Q. How high are they ?
 A. Eighteen Cubits.

[103] Q. How much in Circumference ?
 A. Twelve Cubits.

Vide : Kings,
Chap. 7.

Q. What

[104] Q. What were they adorn'd with? }
A. Two Chapters. }
[105] Q. How high were the Chapters? }
A. Five Cubits. } *Vide 1 King,
Chap. 7.*
[106] Q. What were they adorn'd with? }
A. Net-Work and Pomegranates. }
[107] Q. How came you to the middle Chamber?
A. By a winding Pair of Stairs.
[108] Q. How many?
A. Seven or more.
[109] Q. Why Seven or more?
A. Because Seven or more makes a Just and
Perfect Lodge.
[110] Q. When you came to the Door of the mid-
dle Chamber, who did you see?
A. A Warden.
[111] Q. What did he demand of you?
A. Three Things.
[112] Q. What were they?
A. Sign, Token, and a Word.
N.B. *The Sign is placing the Right Hand
on the Left Breast, the Token is by join-
ing your Right Hand to the Person that
demands it, and squeezing him with the
Ball of your Thumb on the first Knuckle
of the middle Finger, and the Word is
Jachin.*
[113] Q. How high was the Door of the middle
Chamber?
A. So high that a Cowan could not reach to
stick a Pin in.

Q. When

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[114] Q. When you came into the middle, what did you see ?
 A. The Resemblance of the Letter G.

[115] Q. Who doth that G denote ?
 A. One that's greater than you.

[116] Q. Who's greater than I, that am a Free and Accepted Mason, the Master of a Lodge.
 A. The Grand Architect and Contriver of the Universe, or He that was taken up to the top of the Pinnacle of the Holy Temple.

[117] Q. Can you repeat the Letter G ?
 A. I'll do my Endeavour.

The Repeating of the Letter G.

Resp. In the midst of Solomon's Temple there stands a G,
A Letter fair for all to read and see,
But few there be that understands
What means that Letter G.

[118] Ex. My Friend, if you pretend to be
 Of this Fraternity,
 You can forthwith and rightly tell
 What means that Letter G.

Resp. By Sciences are brought to Light
Bodies of various Kinds,
Which do appear to perfect Sight ;
But none but Males shall know my Mind.

[119] Ex. The Right shall.
Resp. If Worshipful.

Ex Both

[120] Ex. Both Right and Worshipful I am,
 To Hail you I have Command,
 That you do forthwith let me know,
 As I you may understand.

 Resp. By Letters Four and Science Five
 This G aright doth stand,
 In a due Art and Proportion,
 You have your Answer, Friend.

 N. B. Four Letters are Boaz
 Fifth Science Geometry.

[121] Ex. My Friend, you answer well,
 If Right and Free Principles you discover,
 I'll change your Name from Friend,
 And henceforth call you Brother.

 Resp. The Sciences are well compos'd
 Of noble Structure's Verse,
 A Point, a Line, and an Outside ;
 But a Solid is the last.

[122] Ex. God's good Greeting be to this our happy Meeting.

 Resp. And all the Right Worshipful Brothers and Fellows.

[123] Ex. Of the Right Worshipful and Holy Lodge of St. John's.

 Resp. From whence I came.

[124] Ex. Greet you, greet you, greet you thrice, heartily well, craving your Name.

 Resp. *Timothy Ridicule.*

[125] Exam. Welcome, Brother, by the Grace of God.

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N. B. The Reason why they Densminate themselves of the Holy Lodge of St. John's, is, because he was the Fore-runner of our Saviour, and laid the first Parallel Line to the Gospel (others do assert, that our Saviour himself was accepted a Free-Mason whilst he was in the Flesh) but how ridiculous and probase it seems, I leave to judicious Readers to consider.

The End of the Fellow-Craft Part.

The

The Master's DEGREE.

[126]

Q. **A**RE you a Master-Mason?

A. I am ; try me, prove me, disprove me if you can.

[127]

Q. Where was you pass'd Master?

A. In a Perfect Lodge of Masters.

[128]

Q. What makes a Perfect Lodge of Masters?

A. Three.

[129]

Q. How came you to be pass'd Master?

A. By the Help of God, the Square and my own Industry.

[130]

Q. How was you pass'd Master?

A. From the Square to the Compass.

[131]

Ex. An Enter'd 'Prentice I presume you have been.

R. *Jacob* and *Boaz* I have seen ;

A Master-Mason I was made most rare,
With Diamond, Ashlar and the Square.

[132]

Ex. If a Master-Mason you would be,
You must rightly understand the Rule of

Three.

And *M. B. shall make you free: *Machbenah

And what you want in Masonry,

Shall in this Lodge be shown to thee.

D

R. Good

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R. Good Masonry I understand ;
The Keys of all Lodges are all at my
Command.

[133] Ex. You're an heroick Fellow ; from whence
came you ?

R. From the East.

[134] Ex. Where are you a going ?

R. To the West.

[135] Ex. What are you a going to do there ?

R. To seek for that which was lost and is now
found.

[136] R. What was that which was lost and is now found ?

R. The Master-Mason's Word.

[137] Ex. How was it lost ?

R. By Three Great Knocks, or the Death of
our Master Hiram.

[138] Ex. How came he by his Death ?

R. In the Building of Solomon's Temple he was
Master-Mason, and at high $\frac{1}{2}$ at Noon, when the
Men was gone to refresh themselves, as was his usual
Custom, he came to survey the Works, and when
he was enter'd into the Temple, there were Three
Ruffians, suppos'd to be Three Fellow-Crafts,
planted themselves at the Three Entrances of the
Temple, and when he came out, one demanded
the Master's Word of him, and he reply'd he did
not receive it in such a manner, but Time and
a little Patience would bring him to it : He, not
satisfied with that Answer, gave him a Blow,
which made him reel ; he went to the other
Gate, where being accosted in the same manner,
and

and making the same Reply, he received a greater Blow, and at the third his *Quietus*.

[139]

Ex. What did the Ruffians kill him with ?

R. A Setting Maul, Setting Tool and Setting Beadle.

[140]

Ex. How did they dispose of him ?

R. Carried him out at the West Door of the Temple, and hid him under some Rubbish till High 12 again.

[141]

Ex. What Time was that ?

R. High 12 at Night, whilst the Men were at Rest.

[142]

Ex. How did they dispose of him afterwards ?

R. They carried him up to the Brow of the Hill, where they made a decent Grave and buried him.

[143]

Ex. When was he miss'd ?

R. The same Day.

[144]

Ex. When was he found ?

R. Fifteen Days afterwards.

[145]

Ex. Who found him ?

R. Fifteen Loving Brothers, by Order of King Solomon, went out of the West Door of the Temple, and divided themselves from Right to Left within Call of each other ; and they agreed that if they did not find the Word in him or about him, the first Word should be the Master's Word ; one of the Brothers being more weary than the rest, sat down to rest himself, and taking hold of a Shrub, which came easily up, and perceiving the Ground to have been broken, he hail'd his

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Brethren, and pursuing their Search found him decently buried in a handsome Grave 6 Foot East, 6 West, and 6 Foot perpendicular, and his Covering was green Mols and Turf, which surprised them; whereupon they replied, *Musca Domus Dei Gratia*, which, according to Masonry, is, *Thanks be to God, our Master has got a Mousie House*: So they cover'd him closely, and as a further Ornament placed a Sprig of *Coffea* at the Head of his Grave, and went and acquainted King Solomon.

[146]

Ex. What did King Solomon say to all this?

R. He order'd him to be taken up and decently buried, and that 15 Fellow-Crafts with white Gloves and Aprons should attend his Funeral [which ought amongst Masons to be perform'd on this Day.]

[147]

Ex. How was Hiram rais'd?

R. As all other Masons are, when they receive the Master's Word.

[148]

Ex. How is that?

R. By the Five Points of Fellowship.

[149]

Ex. What are they?

Hand to Hand¹, Foot to Foot², Check to Check³, Knee to Knee⁴, and Hand in Back⁵.

N. B. When Hiram was taken up, they took him by the Fore-fingers, and the Skin came off, which is called the Slip; the spreading the Right Hand and placing the middle Finger to the Wrist, clasping the Fore-finger and the Fourth to the Sides of

of the Wrist; is called the Grip, and the Sign is placing the Thumb of the Right Hand to the Left Breast, extending the Fingers.

[150] Ex. What's a Master-Mason nam'd.
R. *Cassia* is my Name, and from a Just and Perfect Lodge I came.

[151] Ex. Where was *Hiram* inter'd?
R. In the *Sanctum Sanctorum*.

[152] Ex. How was he brought in?
R. At the West-Door of the Temple.

[153] Q. What are the Master-Jewels?
A. The Porch, Dormer and Square Pavement.

[154] Q. Explain them.
A. The Porch the Entring into the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, the Dormer the Windows or Lights within, the Square Pavement the Ground Flooring.

[155] Ex. Give me the Master's Word.
R. Whispers him in the Ear, and supported by the Five Points of Fellowship before-mentioned, says *Machbenab*, which signisies The Builder is smitten.

N.B. If any Working Masons are at Work, and you have a desire to distinguish Accepted Masons from the rest, take a Piece of Stone, and ask him what it smells of, he immediately replies, neither Brass, Iron, nor Steel, but of a Mason; then by asking him, how old he is, he replies above Seven, which denotes he has pass'd Master.

The End of the Master's Part.